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LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1(Withdrawn). A method of making a plastic component having a sealing feature, comprising:

forming a subassembly of an elastomeric seal member secured to a support element;
disposing the subassembly in a mold;
forming plastic material in the mold and connecting plastic material to the support element to thereby form the plastic component; and
removing the finished plastic component from the mold complete with the support element and seal attached.

2(Withdrawn). The method of claim 1, wherein the plastic material is injected onto the support element, which is made as a metal component.

3(Withdrawn). The method of claim 1, wherein the connection between the support element and the plastic component is achieved by chemical bonding.

4(Withdrawn). The method of claim 1, wherein the connection between the support element and the plastic component is achieved by mechanical joining.

5(Withdrawn). The method of claim 1, wherein the plastic component is made as a cylinder head cover with legs, where the support element is provided in the free end areas of the legs.

6(Withdrawn). The method of claim 1, including tempering the elastomeric seal at the time it is secured to the support element.

7-9(Canceled).

10(Currently Amended). The assembly of claim [[8]] 11, wherein the plastic component comprises a cylinder head cover with legs ~~where the support element is located at end areas of the legs.~~

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11(Currently Amended). ~~The assembly of claim 7~~ A plastic component assembly,
comprising:

an elastomeric seal member;

a metallic support element to which the seal member is secured;

a plastic component formed in-place against and attached to the metallic support
element; and,

wherein the support element has upstanding opposite legs connected by a base to
define a U-shaped internal profile with pass-through openings in at least one of the legs,
the plastic component being attached only to the internal profile and extending into the
pass-through openings to interlock the plastic component to the support element.

12-16 (Canceled).